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News worth sharing.

Council puts its Cup game face on

► So far, eight Canadian cities have expressed interest in 2015 women's soccer event to be broadcast worldwide

Co-hosting the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup would "mend our fences" broken when Halifax dropped the Commonwealth Games bid, says Coun. Sue Uteck.

Yesterday, Grant MacDonald with Events Nova Scotia recommended Halifax regional council drop its bid for the women's soccer

event because of tight deadlines.

It was unintentional, but it worked like reverse psychology.

"We can't afford to lose this," said Coun. Darren Fisher, who moved to go ahead with the bid and expedite the process. Council approved his motion.

There are eight countries who have shown interest in hosting. If Canada wins the bid in March, the Canadian Soccer Association will have a year to pick six cities.

Each city will host a pool — seven games and 10 competition days.

"It's basically darned good odds," said

Fisher. "We have a crack at this."

But other councillors were worried about tight budget and timing constraints. Cities must pay a \$25,000 bid support fee by Dec. 24 and Halifax would need to commit to a 20,000-seat stadium as the bid progresses. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN



Sharpen. Up

► An ice technician sprays water on the Canada Games speedskating oval yesterday on the Halifax Common. Its tentative opening date is Dec. 16. Story, page 4.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Better care sooner

No rural ER closures in Nova Scotia

► Health-care strategy gives high five to Dr. John Ross {page 3}

Tigers' edge in goalies' gloves

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Who was 2010's top newsmaker?

Was 2010 the year of **Sidney Crosby** and his historic OT goal for Canada at the Winter Olympics, or does Nova Scotia auditor general **Jacques**

Lapointe get the nod for exposing the MLA expense scandal?

Maybe it was all about PK (Peter Kelly) in 2010, or does actress **Ellen**

Page take the cake — in part — for putting up a stink over biosolids.

Let us know who your Halifax newsmaker of the year is. Who do you think had the most

profound impact on the city in 2010?

Did Premier **Darrell Dexter** do it for you, or does MP **Peter Stoffer** and his flip-flop on the gun

registry stand out most?

It's time for you to decide. Tell us who rocked your 2010 by emailing your Halifax newsmaker of the year to halifaxletters@metronews.ca or on

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Voting ends Dec. 14.

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Ross report looms large in health plan

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

► No closures according to the NDP, but emergency rooms will change to fit community needs



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Premier Darrell Dexter and Health Minister Maureen MacDonald unveiled the province's long-awaited health-care strategy yesterday.

The plan, dubbed Better Care Sooner, also serves as a response to Dr. John Ross's report on emergency care in the province, released in October.

The plan focuses on five points: improving access to health-care professionals, streamlining emergency care, providing better care for seniors and the mentally ill, increasing public use of the 811 nurse-line service, and changing the funding model for health care.

These five points incorporate all 26 of Ross's recommendations, which are

"I think all the health-care providers out there are expecting to see tangible changes soon ... Otherwise you're going to hear noise."

DR. JOHN ROSS

slated to be phased in from now through 2014. Some have already been implemented; 18 are scheduled for 2011.

Responding to opposition criticism, MacDonald maintained no rural emergency rooms will close under the plan.

"The commitment is to create collaborative emergency centres which will be open 24-7 and staffed appropriately for the community's use," said MacDonald.



► Premier Darrell Dexter chats with Health Minister Maureen MacDonald at a news conference at Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Hospital in Middle Musquodoboit yesterday.

Opposition blasts province's ER strategy

Under the NDP's Better Care Sooner health-care plan, an undisclosed number of rural emergency rooms will be tweaked to become "collaborative emergency centres."

These centres, according to the Health Minister Maureen MacDonald, will be tailor-made to fit the needs of the communities they serve.

For instance, according to MacDonald, it may be that with some additional

training, a facility's nursing staff could handle non-critical emergencies. With additional training, as well as innovative support such as the "doc-in-a-box" method of remote treatment, those nurses could perform some tasks traditionally performed by ER doctors.

"What we're talking about is a lot of flexibility built into the system," she said.

That still means limit-



► PC Leader Jamie Baillie

ing 24-7 access to emergency rooms, according to

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil.

"Emergency rooms are going to close across the province. That was very clear today," he said.

PC Leader Jamie Baillie charged that the government's plan is no plan at all.

"It's more like a plan to have a plan," he said.

"The solutions to the problems in health care have existed for years."

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"None. None of the emergency rooms will be closed at all. Zero. I want to make it perfectly clear that the collaborative emergency centres will keep all of these units open."

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER



Alleged Mexican teen hit man, El Ponchis, still feared following his arrest. Scan code for story.

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Reduction in curbside garbage bags?

You could soon be allowed fewer garbage bags curbside.

Halifax regional council passed a motion yesterday to, in principle, amend the bylaw for garbage collection in hopes it will lead to more recycling and composting. This would mean a reduction in the number of bags for weekly pickup to four from six.

The last garbage bag limit drop was to six from 10 three years ago. The municipality says a recent waste audit shows 30 per cent of garbage picked up curbside should be composted or recycled. The number jumps to 50 per cent for apartments and businesses. The public will have a chance to weigh in on any changes before a final vote is taken, an HRM release says. **● METRO**

Report on man's death due today

Three years after Howard Hyde died in a Dartmouth jail cell, a provincial court judge will release an inquiry report today that is expected to recommend far-reaching changes to the way police, corrections and health authorities deal with the mentally ill.

The 11-month probe, led by Judge Anne Derrick, was the longest fatality inquiry in Nova Scotia's history.

During the hearings, which wrapped up in June, Derrick learned Hyde was a 45-year-old musician from Dartmouth who had long taken medications to cope with schizophrenia.

But on the night of Nov. 21, 2007, something went terribly wrong.

Hyde's common-law wife, Karen Ellet, called a crisis hotline to complain he had assaulted her while in a psychotic state.

Police were dispatched and Hyde was arrested, but not before Ellet told them her husband had not been taking his medication and required psychiatric help.

Despite her plea, Hyde was never given help. The inquiry heard from multiple witnesses who testified that a psychiatric assessment would have helped the man, but a series of snafus, misunderstandings and overlapping jurisdictions got in the way. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Almost ready to dig your skates in

► Oval to be used as part of the Halifax Canada Games in February



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Hundreds of Haligonians will soon carve their skates into the freshly laid ice of the Canada Games oval on the Halifax Common.

Depending on the weather, the oval is set to open in mid-December for a variety of free public events. Tentatively, the first public skate is Thursday, Dec. 16.

"We expect people will be really excited and want to come out and try it," said Mary Angela-Munro, Canada Games oval co-ordinator.

Munro said the Learn to Skate program, scheduled to start Dec. 18, will be offering free skating lessons for people of all ages and skill levels.

"So if kids get skates for Christmas they can come down, check it out and take as many lessons as they want," Munro said yesterday, as she stood in front of the oval while more than 20 workers were working to bring the ice to fruition.

Munro said on-the-spot lessons will also be provided by skating monitors during the free skates. She said free helmets and skate rentals are available.

Family-oriented



► If gliding on the oval ice isn't your thing, you can still enjoy live entertainment, campfires and Beaver Tails. "People will be able to sit down and enjoy the

ambiance of watching people skate ... very family oriented," Mary Angela-Munro said.

► The creation of the oval is extremely weather dependent, Canada Games CEO Chris Morrissey, left, says. "It's just like skiing. You take a look outside the window, if it looks nice to ski, you can probably go skiing, just like here."

► Morrissey says the oval's refrigeration system is prepared to keep the ice cool until it hits 10 C outside. The rink will be approximately 55,000 square feet of ice area, which is more than three full-size NHL ice rinks.



► Mark Messer, plant manager at the Olympic Oval in Calgary, left, and ice technician Terry Masikewich, centre, work on the Canada Games speedskating oval yesterday on the Halifax Common.

Testimony continues in MacIntosh trial

A man has told the sex crimes trial of Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh that the accused touched him inappropriately when he was about 10 years old.

The testimony came yesterday from the third complainant in the second trial for MacIntosh, a former Nova Scotia businessman.

Under cross-examination by the defence, the complainant confirmed some of the details in his testimony

yesterday differed from those in the preliminary inquiry.

MacIntosh is charged with five counts of gross indecency and five of indecent assault in the judge-only trial at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Port Hawkesbury.

The 67-year-old man was convicted in July in a separate case of 13 counts of indecent assault and gross indecency. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Ernest MacIntosh

News in brief

HRM awards contract

LIBRARY. Halifax regional council has awarded a \$2.87-million contract to EllisDon Limited to help build the new Central Library for downtown Halifax. A release by HRM yesterday says the contract "is within the \$55-million scope for the library." The new library will be located on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street.

Indecent act investigated

DARTMOUTH. Police are investigating an indecent act after two 10-year-old girls allege they saw a man fondling himself in a car in Dartmouth. Police say the girls were walking on Bellevista Drive yesterday when they passed a parked vehicle. The man's pants were down and it appeared he was fondling himself. The vehicle is described as a red four-door with black seats and the words "Tap Out" on them in white lettering.

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HRM, province still in search of convention centre tax deal

- Signing deadline on the proposed project is Jan. 14
- Province, municipality are asked to kick in \$57M each



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HRM and the province have agreed on some components for the proposed convention centre, but not the property tax issue.

Halifax regional council spent another two hours in a secret meeting yesterday to hash out another response from the province.

"For the most part we're fairly close on things. There are a few issues that are still in negotiations, but by far we

have made some agreed-upon points," Mayor Peter Kelly said after the meeting ended.

The two sides are coming to terms with the \$159-million project, with no commitment yet from the federal government. The province asked HRM to exempt the convention centre from paying property taxes.

"We want to ensure it's a deal that's fair to our taxpayers, which happens to be their taxpayers as well," Kelly said. "We're asking for an equal partnership and ... we are

looking for them to acknowledge that equal partnership."

Kelly added the benefits of the project should be evenly split.

"There is a movement back and forth. We're not there yet, but we're striving to negotiate and move forward."

HRM council voted 22-2 to support the project early last month and has been negotiating in private ever since.



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Private-sector input sought for labour bill

The Nova Scotia government extended an olive branch to the private sector yesterday as it tries to win broader support for proposed changes to provincial labour legislation.

Premier Darrell Dexter said labour department officials and members of a coalition representing private-sector employers met to discuss industry concerns and invite amendments.

Opposition

► Both opposition leaders said they await the government's reaction to any amendments that may come forward, likely later this week.

"We're not going to close the door and say, 'No, no changes' and be heavy-handed about things," Dexter said during a break in debate as

an opposition filibuster aimed at killing Bill 100 continued.

"The basic structure of the bill remains the same, but if there are small things or clarifications we're not afraid to make that happen."

Private-sector employers fear the changes would hinder their ability to accept work from the government and unfairly favour public-sector unions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sculpture. Water Falls



► Joan McDonnell, regional co-ordinator for community recreation services for HRM, is silhouetted yesterday by Water Falls — a community art project at the Captain William Spry Community Recreation Centre.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Art project a community effort

The sculpture, which consists of individual water drops hand-shaped in clay and then impressed into recycled water-bottle plastic, was created by artist Miro Davis with help from members of the community.

Minister, officials talk education cuts

School board officials met with Education Minister Marilyn More yesterday to discuss coming cuts to education funding.

"They've given us a very high-level understanding of the impacts of the planning scenarios," said More.

"We'll continue to talk about how we can work with school boards to

achieve cost savings and efficiencies and reductions in the education budget."

During question period yesterday, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil alleged a minimum of 70 schools would be forced to close under the "NDP plan to cut 22 per cent from school boards."

"It will be devastating

for students as well as communities across our province," said McNeil.

Premier Darrell Dexter dismissed McNeil's claims as "useless rhetoric."

He said the first place school boards need to look for savings is in administration, not in teachers or school closures.

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Naming ban before appeals court

► Family of alleged cyber-bullying victim attempting to block media outlets from reporting girl's identity

Nova Scotia's highest court is debating whether the media should be allowed to report the name of a teenage girl who was allegedly defamed on a phoney Facebook page.

The provincial Court of Appeal heard submissions

yesterday from lawyers for the girl's family and two media outlets — the Halifax Chronicle Herald and Global TV. The court must also decide whether the alleged offending comments should be made public.

Michelle Awad, who's

"We're dealing with a child. The court must decide what's in the best interests of this child."

MICHELLE AWAD, LAWYER

representing the family, told the court that allowing media to identify the

girl would only cause further harm.

In May, a Nova Scotia

Supreme Court judge approved a court order requiring a Halifax-based Internet provider to reveal the identity of the customer who posted the comments.

However, Justice Arthur LeBlanc denied a request

to ban the media from reporting the girl's name and any details from the now defunct page. The girl's family is appealing LeBlanc's decision. In the meantime, media outlets are subject to a publication ban. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

New stats show need for boost to Nova Scotia schools: Province

The Nova Scotia government says newly released statistics show the need for improvement in the province's public education system.

The 2009 international student assessment measures the achievements of 15-year-olds in 65 countries including Canada and

5 Nova Scotia students also improved on the national stage, rising from the lower third among provinces to fifth in each of the three subject areas.

each of the 10 provinces.

The report found students in Nova Scotia performed at the national average in science, yet below the Canadian average in reading and math.

The government says Nova Scotia's best showing internationally was in reading, placing 13th in the world. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Olympians on ice at Metro Centre

Some of Canada's greatest figure skaters will be carving the Halifax Metro Centre ice in April 2011.

Sears Stars on Ice is heading to the city on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Some of Canada's Olympians will be performing, including 2010 gold medalists Tessa Virtue, Scott Moir and Evan Lysacek. Also on the docket are favourites Kurt Browning, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, among other world champions.

Tickets go on sale Friday, Dec. 10 and will be \$25.

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► Gerald Leslie MacCabe, 43, covers his face as he's escorted into Truro provincial court yesterday.

Court date in cold case

Gerald MacCabe is charged in the 1999 death of 48-year-old former Hells Angel Randy Mersereau. MacCabe, who is asking to be moved from the Central Nova Correctional Facility, will remain in custody at the Burnside jail until a court appearance Jan. 11.



► Kurt Browning

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China accused of sabotaging Nobel's big day

► Nearly 20 countries to stay away from Friday Peace Prize ceremony ► Clear signal of pressure, officials say

At least 19 countries will not attend this year's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony honouring jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, officials confirmed yesterday.

It was the clearest signal yet that the Chinese government, furious at international recognition for its No. 1 jailed dissident, is hard at work trying to sabotage Friday's ceremony.

The Nobel committee is honouring Liu as China's "foremost symbol" of human rights.

The Chinese government, however, calls him "a criminal" for trying to promote democracy in China.

Nobel secretary Geir Lundestad said in a telephone interview that he could not recall a higher number of countries "unable to attend" during his 20 years at the Nobel Foundation — saying it might be "the highest" number ever.

He said not all 19 on the absentee list could be directly attributable to Chinese pressure.

Lundestad stressed that nothing would put a damper on Friday's festivities — even the fact that



► Protesters hold boxes containing greeting cards for Liu Xiaobo.

neither Liu Xiaobo, nor wife Liu Xia, nor any family member would be allowed by the Chinese government to attend.

Liu is serving an 11-year term for allegedly trying to overthrow the state, while his wife has been placed under a form of house arrest in Beijing.

In Beijing, meanwhile, a government spokesperson called the Nobel Peace Prize committee "clowns,"

and declared their "interference" in China's internal affairs would not change China.

"We are against anybody making an issue out of Liu Xiaobo," foreign ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu told reporters.

At the same time, China has cobbled together its own "Confucius Peace Prize" and plans to award it tomorrow.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Disgraced ex-coach James to get bail in sex case

A judge says he will grant bail to disgraced former junior hockey coach Graham James, who faces new sex charges in Winnipeg.

Final conditions for his release won't be set until next week and he is to remain in jail until then.

James faces nine charges stemming from alleged encounters involving three boys, one of them Theo Fleury, who became a National Hockey League star.

It was the second part of a Winnipeg bail hearing. James was present for both, sitting in the prisoner's dock in what appeared to be the same baggy grey sweatshirt and pants.

The once hefty former junior hockey coach has lost a lot of weight and his thinning grey hair is now cropped short.

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James, 58, served more than a year in jail in the late 1990s for assaulting three young hockey players, including NHLer Sheldon Kennedy. James was pardoned and moved to Mexico. But he returned to face the new charges.

Edwards. An inspiring life



► Elizabeth Edwards "knew tragedy and pain," U.S. President Barack Obama said last night. She died yesterday at age 61.

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A passionate advocate

Elizabeth Edwards, who closely advised her husband, John, in two bids for the U.S. presidency and advocated for health care even as her marriage publicly crumbled, died yesterday after a six-year struggle with cancer. "She remains the heart of this family," her relatives said in a statement.

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INDIA

Baby killed in bombing

Indian police are on high alert after a baby girl was killed and 25 people were wounded yesterday when a bomb exploded on the riverside ghats of Varanasi, one of India's holiest cities.

Four people are in critical condition, including one victim from France

and another from Italy, officials said. India's home ministry has issued a nationwide alert to use caution in four of the country's major cities: New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

The explosion occurred at about 6:20 p.m. at Sheetla Ghat, where daily prayers are offered. Many foreign tourists gather to watch the ceremonies, during which priests light oil lamps, ring bells and chant to worship the holy Ganges river.

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Pipe haters message Clinton

Opponents to a pipeline that would help carry oil from Alberta's oilsands to the U.S. Gulf Coast released a letter, signed by 28 members of Congress, urging Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to order a supplementary environmental impact study on the proposed project. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Feds not prepared for worst?

According to Scott Vaughan, Canada's commissioner of the environment and sustainable development, Canada doesn't have a plan on handling oil spills. Nor does it have a grip on who is supposed to be monitoring what on fresh water resources, pointing specifically the Athabasca River near the Alberta oilsands. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

G20 weekend will 'live in infamy'

FRANK GUHN/ THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin releases his special G20 report into the province's so-called "fence law" at the Ontario legislature in Toronto yesterday.

► Ontario watchdog calls measures 'opportunistic and inappropriate'

Martial law ruled Toronto during the G20 summit after Ontario secretly gave police wartime powers, resulting in a mass violation of civil rights unprecedented in Canada, the provincial watchdog said yesterday.

The deliberate misinformation on a revamped Second World War regulation led people to wrongly believe police had the power to demand identification and detain anyone coming within five metres of the security fence.

The law applied only to people entering the zone.

It should have been five-kilometre rule given police were stopping and searching people far from the fences in the city core, ombudsman Andre Marin said in releasing the results of his probe into the contro-

versial law.

The more than 1,000 arrests and illegal detention of hundreds, or even thousands, of others during the June summit was a "mass violation of civil rights," said Marin.

He said the G20 would "live in infamy" for Torontonians, calling it "the most massive compromise of civil liberties in Canadian history." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Not impressed

Ombudsman Andre Marin laughed at the government's admission that it could have done a better job communicating the changes in the law.

► "Darn right you could have done better," he said

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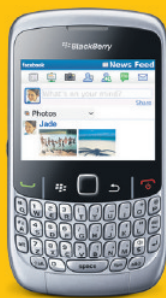
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Economist weighs in on polygamy laws

► Admits under cross-examination there's no proof legalization will increase polygamy in Canada

Women are treated like commodities in polygamous societies and their economic freedoms are reduced.

That's the opinion of economist Shoshana Grossbard who testified at B.C. Supreme Court yesterday in a case to determine whether the country's polygamy laws are constitutional.

Grossbard, who has studied the economic effects of polygamy in other countries, testified that there will be increased disparity between husbands and wives if Canada were to legalize polygamy.

"In the cultures and societies worldwide that

50 The attorneys general for B.C. and Canada are in court arguing that the 50-year-old polygamy law in the country is constitutionally valid.

have embraced it, polygamy is associated with undesirable economic, societal, physical and emotional factors related to women's well-being," Grossbard said yesterday.

The natural economic consequence of polygamy should be increased market value for women, since multiple wives are highly desirable. But in these societies, husbands can simply divorce the wives they

don't want, so women don't actually have control over their value.

Grossbard was a witness for the Christian Legal Fellowship, an organization that has legal standing in the reference case that has involved nearly a dozen intervenors and organizations.

There are nearly 800 believers of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints living in the interior of B.C. in two separate factions under two feuding leaders, Winston Blackmore and James Oler. Among them, the two men have dozens of wives and dozens of children. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Russians. Remembered



► Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev, right, attends a wreath-laying ceremony in Warsaw, Poland yesterday. The monument is dedicated to the thousands of Soviet officers and troops killed during the Second World War while driving Nazi Germans from the city.

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Soldiers honoured in Warsaw

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FBI watch Barbies

The FBI has issued a cyber crime alert on a new Barbie doll that comes with a hidden video camera.

Mattel's Barbie Video Girl has a video camera lens in its necklace that can record up to 30 minutes of footage to be downloaded on a

computer.

Officials warn that it could possibly be used to produce child porn, but say they don't have any reported crimes.

The FBI's Sacramento office issued a report with the warning on the doll last month.

FBI spokesman Steve Dupre says the alert was meant for law enforcement agencies advising them not to overlook the doll during any searches.

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Cholera in Haiti

A contingent of UN peacekeepers is the likely source of a cholera outbreak in Haiti that has killed at least 2,000 people, a French scientist said in a report obtained yesterday by The Associated Press. The scientist concluded the cholera originated next to a UN base. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Economy still needs stimulus: Bank of Canada

► Statistics Canada reported that the third-quarter current account deficit had hit a record \$17.5 billion

Canada's economy is taking a battering from the high dollar combined with low productivity and still needs the stimulus of low interest rates, the Bank of Canada says. In a previously telegraphed move, the central bank announced yesterday it will keep its trendsetting interest rate at one per cent until next year — and likely much longer. But analysts focused on the accompanying statement from governor Mark Carney, which conceded that both the Canadian and global recoveries are struggling under stiffening headwinds of risk, as a signal of future intentions.

"The global economic re-



► Mark Carney

covery is proceeding largely as expected, although risks have increased," the statement said, citing renewed concerns that European debt woes will spill into global financial mar-

kets. The bank said demand in the U.S., Canada's largest export market, remains weak, and even generally robust emerging markets such as China and India are seeing a deceleration of economic activity.

"The recovery in Canada, in the second half of 2010, appears slightly weaker than the bank projected" largely as a result of falling exports, it added.

"This underlines a previously identified risk that a combination of disappointing productivity performance and persistent strength in the Canadian dollar could dampen the expected recovery of net exports." THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Google VP Sundar Pichai demonstrates the new Chrome operating system in San Francisco yesterday.

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Market debut delayed

Google is delaying the market debut of the first computers running on its highly anticipated Chrome operating system while its engineers continue to fine-tune the software.

Canada's five biggest banks keep steady

Canada's five biggest banks earned a combined \$4.45 billion profit in the fourth quarter — marginally higher than in the same period last year — as weakness in corporate financing and trading revenues outshone strength in consumer banking.

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Ireland unveils toughest budget in history

Ireland must endure the toughest cuts and tax hikes in its history as an

unavoidable price for saving the debt-burdened nation from bankruptcy, Finance Minister Brian Lenihan told lawmakers as they prepared to vote on a brutal 2011 budget.

Lenihan's plan — the harshest yet of four emergency budgets unveiled since 2008 to combat a runaway deficit — contains 4.5 billion euro in spending cuts and 2 billion euros in tax rises.

Lenihan told lawmakers



► Irish Finance Minister Brian Lenihan said the government would spend millions on training and internship positions.

ers he believes Ireland's economy can grow despite the fact that almost all 4.5 million residents face "a traumatic and worrying time."

He said the depth of the cuts represents the minimum required to counter "the worst crisis in our history and one with few international parallels."

The finance chief stressed that Ireland faced no easy choices.

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Harsh reality

Tax analysts said the income tax changes would hit the poorest the hardest.

► Children A rolling cut in Ireland's generous state payments for children means that large young families — still common in Ireland — will suffer a particularly sharp fall in benefits.

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EVERYONE IS BLAMING THE MESSENGER

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Julian Assange, first martyr of the Internet?

It certainly looks that way. The founder of WikiLeaks, the man who embarrassed heads of state around the world by leaking thousands of messages written by U.S. diplomats, has been arrested and is cooling his heels in a London jail without bail, waiting to find out if he will be extradited for having sex in Sweden.

Yep, you read that right. The more you read about the alleged sexual molestation case against the 39-year-old Aussie, the more you have to wonder if he's being set up for tattling on the world.

Accounts in Newsweek, the Daily Mail, AOL News, etc., make it clear he's not being held on rape charges, but something called "sex by surprise," and one

of the women allegedly surprised by sex bought breakfast after the alleged surprise.

In Sweden, where casual sex is a sacred institution, second only to Ikea.

Meanwhile, my counterparts in the media, champions of freedom of expression all, are joining the mob to lynch Assange for spilling U.S. diplomatic secrets. It's his fault the nations of the world are engaging in skullduggery that can't bear the light of day.

Everyone forgets that the Internet changes everything. They forget the original leak came from a disgruntled "intelligence" officer, who was able to steal all this confidential informa-

tion by downloading it. No need to sneak around like Maxwell Smart with cameras shaped like cigarette lighters.

Pte. 1st Class Bradley Manning, 23, was allegedly engaging in the kind of cyber-leaking characteristic of the Internet generation. If it's digital, no secret is safe. U.S. diplomats, a bunch of geezers lulled by a completely

unjustified sense of false security, felt free to send each other sizzling secrets via email. And now they're blaming Julian Assange. Manning could have just as easily leaked the information to SmokingGun.com, for example, and we could be running after those guys with

torches and pitchforks.

Assange, a relatively old geek at 39, gets the new Borg Mind. Resistance is futile. WikiLeaks has distributed the Mother of All Secret Files to 100,000 co-conspirators in cyberspace, and if he goes down, he sends them all an encryption key, and that's it for secrets.

I don't know what's going to happen. I do know we're finally going to learn that privacy is an analog thing. I don't know if that's good or bad, but if you believe that those who hold the secrets hold the power, maybe you should hold a candlelight vigil for Julian Assange.

He's going to need it.



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Collector nets nest egg

Worth mentioning

To some it's just a bunch of bird pictures. To others, John James Audubon's *Birds Of America* is a rare blend of art, natural history and craftsmanship, unique enough to sell for more than \$10 million US at a London auction yesterday — making it the world's most expensive printed book.

Some of the world's wealthiest book collectors had been anticipating the auction for months: It represents a chance to own one of the best preserved editions of Audubon's 19th-century masterpiece, with its 435 hand-coloured illustrations.

The book sold for

19th-century masterpiece



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\$10,270,000 at a Sotheby's auction to an anonymous collector bidding by telephone, the auction house said.

While the Audubon volume holds the record for a printed book, a 72-page notebook of Leonardo da Vinci's handwritten notes and illustrations went for even more. Known as the Leicester Codex, the

collection was bought by Bill Gates in 1994 for \$31 million.

Each individual picture in *Birds Of America* is so valuable there have been some fears the volume could be broken up and sold as 435 separate works of art. Experts believe that unlikely: The tome is probably more valuable intact. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Metro Minute at singles event

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Halifax's Lonely Hearts Club is presenting All I Want For Christmas Is You, an event designed to help singles find love during one of the loneliest times of the year.

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► The Halifax Lonely Hearts Club is presenting All I Want For Christmas Is You at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth.



► Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie star in *The Tourist*, which opens on Friday.

Jolie gets in touch with her femininity

► Actress gets to show off her elegant side in *The Tourist* ► Filming in Paris and Venice helped sway her decision to pick the movie

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

For a successful actor, a lot of different factors go into choosing a project, but when it initially came to signing on for *The Tourist*, Angelina Jolie had one thing on her mind.

"I had questioned if there was anything out there that shot in a great location. Honestly, that was the

phone call I made," she says with a laugh. "And I got this call that there was this film that happened to shoot in Venice and Paris and it was a real lady, so I was interested."

The film features Jolie, as the estranged girlfriend of a wanted felon, as she leads Johnny Depp's out-of-his-deepths American tourist into an international game of cat and mouse, with cops from several nations and a handful of gangsters on the

trail. But while there's plenty of action and gunplay, Jolie's character doesn't really get her hands dirty.

"It took me a while to get the heels and the gloves and the whole how to hold the handbag," she says of her über-elegant character. "I think everybody knows I'm not necessarily that female in that way. So it was a little bit of an exercise to get in there."

While working with co-writer and director Florian

Henckel von Donnersmarck, Jolie found the hardest part of nailing the character was learning to take it easy.

"My note that I got every day was slow down," she says. "Because as very modern woman, we attack things, we're aggressive, we move through. We're like New Yorkers, you know? So this is the hardest thing for me, to kind of take a deep breath and just glide a little more. It took me a really long time."

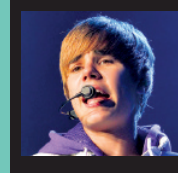
Big family

► **Alone time.** In the five years since Angelina Jolie met partner Brad Pitt, the actress has gone from a single mother with one child (adopted son Maddox) to a mother of six. So when does she find time for herself? "You just give it up at a certain point," she says with a laugh. "Even trying to take a bath, everybody comes in. You just give it up. And it's OK. But I try, when everybody goes to bed you try to have it, but no."

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News in brief



Canuck pop star Justin Bieber will soon be a collectible. The 16-year-old Stratford, Ont., native is getting his own line of trading cards from Panini America. Bieber, who also has a line of dolls, will be featured in 150 unique cards and 30 stickers when the trading card set launches this week. The set will also have 500 randomly inserted authentic Bieber autograph cards, along with nine-card puzzles that create mini Bieber posters.

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Narnia's latest hits the water

- Voyage of the Dawn Treader the third in the Narnia franchise
- Filming on the water was a big obstacle for director Michael Apted



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

A big budget, a huge cast and crew and using 3-D for the first time are huge obstacles for any director to overcome, but nature trumped it all for Michael Apted, the director of The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

The third installment of the fantasy franchise hits theatres on Friday.

The biggest challenge was making a movie largely set on the sea, Apted said. "I thought, How are we



► The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader director Michael Apted and actress Georgie Henley.

going to make a movie on water? I took some advice from some colleagues who said, 'Never make a movie on water', so once we'd resolved that it became more manageable," joked Apted, at a press conference at

London's Dorchester Hotel, when asked about a scene where the children meet Aslan in front of a huge tidal wave.

"It's such fast-moving technology. I don't think we could have done the

wave scene even 18 months ago. The technology for doing water has changed enormously."

Apted shot the boat on land by the side of the sea, so he had about 100 per cent horizon. It was placed on a gimbal so that it moved up and down and sideways, but the sea was created by computer effects.

"It's a million miles away from Bond," said Apted, who was at the helm of James Bond's The World Is Not Enough. "Where you're supposed to think he really can do it, you don't really go into the world of surrealism — at least not until after the one after I did, things went a bit haywire after that, because I wasn't there."

The film is 3-D, largely to create depth than to allow objects to jump out at you. The CGI was created in 3-D and the filming was done in 2-D then converted.

"It was curious to me, that when we were starting converting, we took a lot of heat from colleagues like James Cameron saying that we would debase the coinage (value) by not shooting it in 3-D, but then I found out that he was converting Titanic into 3-D. Then I learnt that George Lucas, our great mentor, is converting all the Star Wars films into 3-D, so that tells me something, that maybe it is here to stay."



► Director Joseph Kosinski and actor Jeff Bridges from TRON: Legacy.

Keeping up with the times key for TRON



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As if making your first movie wasn't daunting enough, Joseph Kosinski took on the added challenge of trying to satisfy millions of fanboys when he agreed to direct the highly-anticipated TRON: Legacy.

"The original TRON was a completely unique vision; it looked like nothing else out there," said Kosinski behind his film's hit 1982 sci-fi predecessor. "It pushed boundaries in terms of technology in a way that hadn't been done before and I just think conceptually it was 10 years ahead of its time."

The tale of a son rescuing his computer-genius father (Jeff Bridges) two decades after he disappears into the digital game world he designed not only allowed the award-winning commercial director to explore an original vi-

"The biggest challenge on this movie is what it is on any movie regardless of size — it's creating a compelling script."

JOSEPH KOSINSKI, DIRECTOR

sion, but it gave Kosinski the unique opportunity to work on the absolute latest technologies in moviemaking.

"Our production was pretty adaptive and we were always keeping up, changing methodologies in the visual effects," said Kosinski. "You can't really change the script or the story but in terms of your technique and technology, you have to just be mobile because it's a three-year project and things change."

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X-tina pregnancy rumours persist

► Christina Aguilera faces questions over nature of her new relationship

The timing of Christina Aguilera's divorce from Jordan Bratman and her blossoming relationship with Burlesque production assistant Matthew Rutler have some speculating that she began her new romance before ending her marriage — and gossip blog the Superficial has gone so far as to say she may be pregnant.

While Aguilera has insisted that she only started dating Rutler after her split from Bratman, new photos from the Burlesque set published by the Daily Mail show the pair by each other's side on a regular basis earlier this year.

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Grammer proposes to new girlfriend

Though still not officially divorced from his current wife, Kelsey Grammer has proposed to girlfriend Kayte Walsh, according to Radar Online.

Walsh sported a diamond engagement ring while the two were in Washington, D.C., recently

for the Kennedy Center Honors.

"They are engaged. They never really announced it," his rep tells the website.

"They are very happy and very much in love."

Walsh will be Grammer's fourth wife.

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Talking points

Celebrities back from the dead

WE WERE KIND OF HOPING THEY WOULD STAY DEAD Alicia Keys' campaign to have celebrities like Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake and Ryan Seacrest play dead on Twitter to raise \$1 million for her HIV/AIDS charity has come to an end, thanks in large part to a \$500,000 donation from billionaire Stewart Rahr, according to Popeater.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all of the fans, friends and artists who joined this cause," Keys says in a statement.

But one celebrity participant couldn't wait for the campaign to be over: Usher began posting to Twitter on Sunday, before the donation target was reached. ● METRO

Timberlake on the shelf

INJURED An injury Justin Timberlake suffered while performing a stunt on the set of his new movie, Now, has shut down the production, according to E! Online.

Timberlake has been on crutches while performing



promotional duties for other projects — including the Social Network and Yogi Berra — while waiting for his wounded calf muscle to heal. "(Timberlake) hasn't heard

anything about the MRI results, but they're freezing production until he's off crutches and able to act again," a source says.

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Celebrity tweets



Lady Gaga
[@ladygaga]
Havin a little too much fun on tourbus. Played the album for label, the rest is History.



Justin Timberlake
[@jtimberlake]
Justin Timberlake is alive! We raised \$1mil to help KCA fight AIDS. Thank you so much and never stop buying life!



Sarah Silverman
[@SarahKSilverman]
It's only romantic for a man to leave a trail of rose petals if he then cleans up said rose petals



Jolie's classic style

Angelina Jolie is teaming up with jewelry designer Robert Procop to design a line of custom jewelry, according to WWD.

"Angelina has very classic style," Procop tells the

magazine. "These are pieces she wears herself."

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Pond hockey



Boardercross and pond hockey are among outdoor activities available this winter in the Jacques-Cartier region outside Quebec City. Stoneham Mountain Resort, a half-hour drive north of the provincial capital, has added a boardercross course and doubled the size of a snow park to give freestyle beginners more challenges.

And the eighth edition of the Lac-Beauport Pond Hockey Tournament will be held Feb. 5-6, hosting more than 100 teams on 25 rinks.

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aspensnowmass.com

THRILL-SEEKERS

Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Jackson Hole has some of the steepest and most challenging ski and boarding terrain in North America. And unlike many resorts in the U.S., it allows you to use the lift system to gain access to the surrounding backcountry. It's hardcore terrain, and not for

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jacksonhole.com

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skiwinterpark.com

NON-SKIERS

Heavenly, California/Nevada

Situated on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Heavenly is where to go to enjoy stunning scenery. It sits astride the state line and as Nevada allows gambling there are several major casinos with cabaret shows, gaming tables, restaurants, bars, spas and live music. There are also trips out into the desert, visits to old West ghost towns and boat cruises on the lake.

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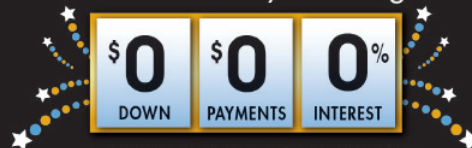


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Winter fun in Ottawa – for free



► Ottawa really comes to life in winter. Some locals even skate along the Rideau canal for their daily commute.

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Let's face it. Most of Canada is darn chilly this time of year, but few places capitalize (no pun intended) on that more than our country's own capital.

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The Rideau Canal skateway is open from around Christmas to early March every day, weather permitting.

Other Cool Things to Do in Ottawa

- Take a free tour of Parliament Hill: Whether or not you're a fan of the government, it's worth the visit to the Gothic style buildings on a bluff overlooking the Ottawa River. Tours are free daily, unless there is special government business.

- Try snowshoeing in Gatineau Park: Located only 15 minutes north of downtown, the park offers miles of trails especially for snowshoers. The trails are compacted weekly for ideal winter hiking. Admission is free, and you can rent shoes for a measly five bucks an hour...



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A sweet wreath to ring in the season

► American Holiday Wreath Bread fuses taste, tradition and culture

Whether they call it babka, stollen, panettone, king cake, cozonac, kringle or challah, people around the world use rich, festive breads to celebrate holidays.

These breads can be glazed, sugared, topped with streusel or nuts, or decorated with candied fruits. They may be braided or woven, logs or loaves. But whatever their shape or seasoning, they always seem to taste of celebration and joy.

And so we decided to create a holiday bread that reflects America's fusion of cultures.

We drew on the recipes and traditions of numerous holiday breads to bake one that will seem at once familiar and fresh.

And because holidays and their food are meant to be shared with loved ones, we made it big. Really big. And really good.

So bake it and, of course, share it!

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Ingredients:

Dough

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water
- Hearty pinch saffron threads, crushed
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) instant (also called fast-rise) yeast
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) honey
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) vegetable or canola oil
- 3 whole eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 10 ml (2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cardamom
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 2 l (8 cups) bread flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) golden raisins
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) hazelnuts, toasted and chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) candied ginger, chopped

Filling

- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) cream cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) lemon zest

Topping

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 7 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) unsalted butter (3/4 stick), cut in chunks
- 1 egg, beaten with 5 ml (1 tsp) water

Icing

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) powdered sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) heavy cream
- 1 egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) almond extract



► Holidays breads are typically laden with fruit, nuts and spices.

Preparation:

1 In a microwave safe bowl, combine water and saffron. Microwave on high until boiling, then set aside to cool.

2 Once cooled, in the bowl of a stand mixer, combine saffron water, milk, yeast, honey, oil, eggs, yolks, salt, cardamom, cinnamon and flour. Using dough hook attachment, mix on low until a soft dough forms. Continue mixing on low to knead for 6 to 7 minutes.

3 Add raisins, cranberries, hazelnuts and ginger, then knead until incorporated. Cover bowl

with plastic wrap and allow to rest for 2 hours.

The dough also can be placed in the refrigerator and allowed to rest overnight. Shortly before dough has finished resting, make cream cheese filling and streusel topping.

4 Filling: In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream together cream cheese and sugar until well combined and lump-free. Add egg and lemon zest and mix until smooth. Set aside.

5 Streusel Topping: In a medium bowl, combine both sugars, flour, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and rub together

until it has all been incorporated and crumbs have all been moistened.

6 When dough has finished resting, it should be doubled in size and quite puffy. Coat a large baking pan with baking spray or line the pan with parchment paper. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Roll your dough into a 60-by-45-cm (24-by-18-inch) rectangle. Spread your cream cheese filling over the surface of the dough, leaving a 5-cm (2-inch) strip of uncovered dough along the long side farthest from you.

7 Starting with the side closest to you, roll dough up to form a long log. Slightly moisten edge of dough and pinch to seal. Keeping sealed edge of log on bottom, move dough to prepared sheet pan. Bring ends together to form a large circle, then insert one end into the other end to seal. The wreath should be about 30 cm (12 inches) across

8 Paint wreath all over with beaten egg, then top with streusel mixture, patting it into place with your hands. Cover loosely with plastic wrap, then let rest for an hour or until risen and puffy. After about 45 minutes of rising, heat oven to 180 C (350 F).

9 Use a sharp knife to make about 6 slashes around top of bread. Bake for 1 hour or until a deep golden colour. Let cool for 5 minutes before moving to a rack to cool completely. Once cooled, prepare icing. In a medium bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream and almond extract. Drizzle over loaf.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 421 calories; 131 calories from fat (31 per cent of total calories); 15 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 95 mg cholesterol; 64 g carbohydrate; 10 g protein; 2 g fibre; 225 mg sodium.

Not your Grandma's fruitcake



► A Rudisill rule: Make your fruitcake at least four to six weeks in advance. This will give its flavour time to develop

► Chocolate makes this oft scorned treat irresistible

Why is fruitcake the grown-up version of coal in your stocking?

Marie Rudisill, produced the slim volume *Fruitcake* in 2000 by culling numerous variations on the theme from a 19th-century journal.

Though the text has been updated, the book re-

mains stuffed with nostalgia.

There's dark fruitcake, light fruitcake, fruitcake with coconut, pineapple or currants and many more.

Regardless of the variety, good fruitcake - and yes, there is such a thing - abides by certain rules.

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Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 140 C (275 F).

2 In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream shortening and sugar until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well between. Stir in

chocolate.

3 Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add flour mixture to egg-sugar mixture in batches, alternating with milk. Mix well. Stir in candied fruit, raisins and walnuts.

Don't forget!

► **Keep it moist** During baking, rotate the cake every 15 minutes, Scott says, and don't overcook it. Rudisill suggests placing a shallow pan of hot water in the oven during baking.

4 Use butter to coat a 25-cm (10-inch) tube pan. Dust pan with cocoa powder, tapping pan to remove any excess. Spread batter in pan and bake for 1 hour 40 minutes or until a knife inserted at the centre comes out clean. Let cool in pan.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shortening
- 250 ml (1 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 squares (each 30 g/1 oz) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 10 ml (2 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- 750 ml (3 cups) mixed chopped candied fruits and peels
- 250 ml (1 cup) raisins
- 250 ml (1 cup) broken walnuts
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter
- Cocoa powder, to coat pan

Per serving: 416 calories; 185 calories from fat (44 per cent of total calories); 21 g fat (6 g saturated; 3 g trans fats); 56 mg cholesterol; 58 g carbohydrate; 7 g protein; 3 g fibre; 200 mg sodium.

They call him Food, Mr. Food

► With the most fitting name in the industry, Mr. Food has become an icon under the culinary radar



It's hard to imagine, but Art Ginsburg has spent 30 years quietly turning himself into an unlikely food celebrity, an icon with a multimillion-dollar brand, all under the radar of the culinary elite.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

Ginsburg is Mr. Food. In classic white chef's hat, he's the guy who goes: "Ooh, it's so good!" as he shows off quick and easy meals in 90-second segments on local TV shows around the country.

He has 51 cookbooks, kitchen gadgets, electronics. He's looking into a nutrition bar and an iPhone app.

He's friendly and fun - even on camera.

"I could have been called Mr. Cucumber the rest of my life," Ginsburg joked. "Or Mr. Pot and Pan. Mr. Food is better."

His company won't disclose his worth but said the brand brings in millions every year, including revenue from a recipe-based website, Mr food.com, that gets 10,000 to 14,000 new subscribers each week.

So why don't foodies know Mr. Food?

For one thing, Ginsburg regularly uses packaged products while top chefs bust a gut cooking from scratch with the best ingredients grown locally, said Tanya Steel, editor-in-chief of Epicurious.com.

Secondly, Mr. Food's syndicated segments are featured on local news shows, just like the local weather and sports.

"That audience (local news) has gotten smaller and older. Maybe that's why he's not as well known in regular food circles as perhaps he would

like," Steel said.

In 2007, Ginsburg's popularity peaked at 168 stations, but advertising dollars for local programming faltered. After a brief dip to just over 100, these days he's back up to 125-plus stations around the United States.

Ginsburg grew up in the meat business, ran a catering company and started appearing on television in the early '70s on the show of a friend. His Mr. Food vignettes were syndicated in nine television markets by 1980. "He's nationally recognized but locally embraced," said Howard Rosenthal, Ginsburg's right hand man as vice-president of Ginsburg Enterprises. "Everybody thinks he's local. So that trust and feeling of connecting with him, he's like everyone's favourite uncle." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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CHANGES TO YOUR PAY? STAY AND SUE

With a new company president poised to reduce operating costs, Lorenzo Russo saw the writing on the wall.

As the long time warehouse manager at candy manufacturer Kerr Bros. Limited, Russo was paid in

excess of \$100,000 — a salary considered excessive by his new boss.

After 37 years with the company, changing Russo's salary wasn't easy.

After slashing every employee's pay by 10 per cent and cutting the company's pension plan, the President focused on Russo, insisting he take a further pay cut amounting to al-

most half of his usual salary. When Russo refused, his salary was still reduced.

Russo responded by retaining a lawyer, who wrote to the company to complain.

When a substantial pay cut is imposed by a company, employees typically think in terms of "constructive dismissal," which permits them to leave and then sue for severance.

Here, however, Russo's lawyer confirmed that Russo did not accept the change to his compensation but instead of leaving, he was going to stay and sue for the difference in pay.

Russo and his lawyer hit

upon something big in the case.

At a recent trial, the company attempted to defeat Russo's claim by arguing that having stayed on with the company after the change to his pay, Russo had effectively condoned that change.

However, Russo's lawyer argued that his client made it clear that he was not accepting the change and that by staying at work while he sued, he was simply trying to minimize any losses he had suffered.

The court agreed with Russo and awarded him the difference in the pay he would have earned had his salary not been cut.

Allowing Russo to remain and work, despite his protests, was actually the very evidence that Russo needed to make out his claim.

What does this case mean for Canadian workplaces? Employees are empowered to reject real changes to their jobs since, even in a tough economy, employers cannot simply force significant pay cuts or adverse working conditions on their employees.

Importantly, in light of this case, employees do not even need to leave work and go to court in order to protest these types of changes.

One strategy is now to stay and sue for damages.

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How to become a megastar by mouse-click

► For some people, YouTube has been a fast ticket to fame — and even fortune ► Viral veterans share their tricks for getting subscribers

There's a subculture of web users who speak reverentially about the work of RayWilliamJohnson, ShayCarl, or MysteryGuitarMan.

They may not be household names, but Internet famous? Definitely.

A roomful of YouTube auteurs aspiring to the same status gathered last week at Google's Toronto office to trade tips on how to hit it big on the web's most popular video site.

Corey Vidal says getting a million hits on YouTube was tough but getting 50 million was actually much easier.

And while the 23-year-old Oakville, Ont., native

doesn't think he's necessarily cracked the code to YouTube fame and fortune, he has quit his job to become an online video pro.

"My advice is just keep going, don't get lazy, don't give up, don't get discouraged if things aren't working," Vidal said during a panel discussion.

Vidal, known as ApprenticeA, first posted to YouTube to share a video with a friend, and didn't expect anyone else would see it — a fairly common story among users who had videos go viral.

It took a couple years of faithfully posting videos — "not too serious. I find peo-

ple go to YouTube to laugh, not to cry," is how he describes his style — until Vidal got his big moment, and was featured on YouTube's front page.

"It was like winning the lottery. It was this fun thing and now — bam! — life completely changed forever. Everything has been different," he said.

"In the past two years it's actually been enough for me to do it full time and quit my job. In the past year I've now started a company, hired employees and produce videos on an ongoing basis with my production crew. And I'm now working with sponsors and advertisers and

brands."

Also speaking was user FluffeeTalks — he prefers not to go by his real name — who has nearly half a million subscribers and almost 94 million views.

He recommended that newer users not get discouraged by the nasty cesspool that is YouTube's comment section.

"If you have haters, that's when you know you're starting to get popular," he said.

"If people care about you enough to leave hateful comments and try to make you feel bad about yourself, then obviously (you've made it)."

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▶ A demotion can actually be used as a bargaining tool, according to career counsellors.

A demotion doesn't mean you should settle

► Being demoted is a chance to bargain or start over

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What higher management giveth, it can taketh away. When your overlords revoke that promotion and dump you back onto the factory floor, the reverse vertigo can leave you feeling like a token trapped in the company's game of Chutes and Ladders.

The temptation for most corporate climbers who take a job title tumble is to hop up, dust off, and dive back in as if nothing ever happened.

But if you'd truly like to bounce back, career counsellors warn, you ought to first seek a sanctuary where you can vent frustrations.

"You need to have a support system outside of work where you can ex-

press how you feel so you're not holding it in," says Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New York.

"After you've gotten out your true anger related to the situation, express it to your boss where it's at the level of disappointment.

"You can say, 'You know, I'm not happy about this. I really enjoyed and preferred that other job.'"

Once you've gathered a clear head, don't be afraid to drive a hard bargain.

"Most people start to feel like a chess piece, like the company is just moving them around, so they don't step up and negotiate," Frankel says.

"You need to enlist your boss, and talk about what's possible from here."

"It may be that your company doesn't see you

as a big contributor and this could be an opportunity to step up," she adds.

If there's no possible way to view your demotion as an opportunity, it can always be an opportunity to leave.

"No one's got a gun to your head, forcing you to accept the situation," offers Maggie Mistal, host of Sirius Radio's Making a Living. "It's still a choice you're making."

Whatever you decide, make it deliberate, she suggests. And don't feel like you have to bum stay in a degrading post to keep your resumé in tact.

"If the resentment is that bad, keep job hunting and going for the job you're geared towards," Mistal says. "You can always justify that to a future employer."

Listening to the experts is like trusting a chimp

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As a species, us human folk respond very poorly to uncertainty.

Just think about how we look to weather readers for forecasts, and how often their predictions aren't exactly accurate.

According to author Dan Gardner, people look to experts to help set their expectations so that they can be prepared for what's to come.

The problem, however, is that these experts are rarely on the mark. In fact, not even close.

In Gardner's book, *Future Babble*, he references how *Brill's* magazine "compared the predictions of famous American pundits to a Chimpanzee named Chippy, who made his guesses by choosing among flash cards."

Chippy had more hits than the acclaimed pundits.

Gardner also outlines an exhaustive list of calamities, predicted and real, covering famous documents such as Paul Ehrlich's 1968 *The Population Bomb*, predicting mass global famine for the '70s (which never happened), and Ravi Batra's 1987 book *The Great Depression of 1990*, which ended up being a very brief and mild recession.

In both cases, the 'experts' defend their publications with "I was almost right" or "it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been blindsided by an unforeseeable event."

The most audacious of

the excuses is the "self negating prophecy," meaning that because of the warnings and hoopla, we were able to prevent catastrophe. Think Y2K.

One of the experiments Gardner discusses is a shock test conducted on a group of people.

Half of the group was told it would have a series of 17 mild shocks, with three additional random shocks.

The other half was informed it would be exposed to 20 strong shocks.

Results showed that the group exposed to the full series of strong shocks felt far less anxiety as their expectations were that they

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Try decking the office halls in a different way

► Especially in times of economic hardship, office holiday parties can serve as tokens of appreciation



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Think you can deck your office halls with store-bought holly, string mistletoe under the fluorescent lights, sprinkle nutmeg in the coffee maker, and call it a Christmas fête?

Professional party planners say you might as well give your employees a lump of coal — or worse, coal with the company logo monogrammed on it.

"It's hard to forget about work and enjoy the festivities when the phones are ringing," says Phyllis Cambria, author of *The Idiot's Guide to Throwing a Great Party*.

Of course, it's also hard for corporate number

crunchers to justify a lavish jingle bell rock in a recession Christmas.

But tough times, Cambria explains, transform seasonal ceremonies into must-have moments.

It's a time when exhausted desk jockeys can unwrap their personalities and untie those tangled worker-boss relationships.

"What makes it worthwhile is when the bosses put the emphasis on the staff," says Party Charlie, celebrity party planner.

"That's what a holiday party is for.

"It's an employee appreciation moment."

To pull it off, Charlie suggests getting those snarky underlings to check their cynicism where they check their coat.

"Wherever you have your party, make sure you do something at the entrance," he says.

"The moment that people get to the party, let them know there's a party going on."

An unexpected greeting at the door can spark smiles, especially for spouses and family, whom you should invite, Cambria advises.

For an extra layer of role reversal fun, have company higher-ups guard the entrance like butlers offering tray loads of treats.

"At first, people will be like, 'Hey what's going on?' but then they'll say, 'It is actually pretty cool to have the president of the company serving me hors d'oeuvres,'" says Cambria.

Cheap Ideas

► Rent a tour bus and cruise well-decorated neighbourhoods: "Every city has places that really go all out. This is a fun way to see that," Cambria says.

► Take the staff ice skating: "It's inexpensive and fun," Cambria notes.

► Go out for breakfast: "It'll put everyone in a good mood," says Cambria, before adding, "It's cheaper than hosting lunch or dinner."

Seeds for a greener future

► TD Friends of the Environment Foundation challenges students to heal the world

Do you have an idea for reducing waste on your university campus? Or a plan for greening the buildings at your college?

One of Canada's longest-serving environmental charities is rewarding post-secondary students for thinking green.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TDFEF) is inviting students to enter the fourth annual TD Go Green Challenge, a national competition that invites Canadian post-sec-

ondary students to propose new ideas for environmental stewardship.

This year applicants are asked to submit a two to three minute video on how they would make a difference to the environment on their campus.

The first place team will receive \$20,000, paid summer internships for each student and \$100,000 to support sustainability initiatives at their university or their college. For more information, please visit td-fef.com.

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Tigers see room for improvement

► Rebuilding program making strides after six seasons out of playoffs ► 8-7 record at AUS break

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The holiday break probably couldn't have come soon enough for the Dalhousie Tigers' goaltenders.

While the Tigers are off to their most successful first half in six years — 8-7 and tied for fifth in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey — they're allowing almost 39 shots per game.

Those types of numbers could be hazardous to the health of stoppers Bobby Nadeau and Josh Disher.

"We have scored some goals but there's no doubt about it: We have to do a better job defensively," said Tigers head coach Pete Belliveau. "We've given up a lot of shots, but we're pretty happy with our results, in light of that."

With Disher and Nadeau bailing them out time and time again, the Tigers knocked off two national powerhouses — the New Brunswick Varsity Reds and Saint Mary's Huskies — en route to four straight wins in November.

That's pretty heady stuff for a young team featuring 16 of 24 players in their first or second seasons.

But a word of caution: Six of the Tigers' eight wins came in overtime.

"It's a flip of a coin," Belliveau admitted, "but we're

Standings

Atlantic University Sport men's hockey standings at the holiday break (national ranking in parentheses):

	W	L	O/S	P
UNB (2)	11	4	0	22
Saint Mary's (5)	10	4	1	21
UPEI (6)	9	4	2	20
St. F.X.	8	6	1	17
Acadia	7	6	2	16
Dalhousie	8	7	0	16
Moncton	5	8	2	12
St. Thomas	2	10	3	7

starting to come around. The rookies are learning the league, the transition is coming."

Jordan Skellett, an 88-point scorer from the Ontario Hockey League, will join the Tigers for the second half, while Zach Harnaden is a potential mid-season addition from the American Hockey League.

Given that the Tigers are sitting in a playoff spot at the halfway mark, their first post-season appearance since 2004 is well within their grasp.

"Because the league is so tight, we're not far from first or second," Belliveau said. "We want to be in every game and finish strong. We're not only hoping to make the playoffs, we want to finish as high as we can."



► Second-year goalie Bobby Nadeau (10 starts, four wins) has teamed with fifth-year stopper Josh Disher (eight starts, four wins) to help the Tigers post a team save percentage of .902, third in the AUS.

Frk-ing good job: Moose rookie nabs team award

Martin Frk has been recognized as the Halifax Mooseheads' winner of the RDS mid-season top rookie award.

The QMJHL released a list yesterday selecting the top rookie from each of the league's 18 teams.

The 17-year-old right-winger from Bochov, Czech Republic, leads the Mooseheads in scoring and is second in the league among rookies with 11 goals and

19 assists for 30 points in 31 games.

Frk will leave the Mooseheads on Dec. 15 to try out for the Czech Republic's entry at the IIHF world junior championship.

Halifax's Taylor Burke took the honour for the Gatineau Olympiques. The 16-year-old, drafted seventh overall last June, has two goals and seven assists along with a plus-6 rating in 24 games. ● METRO



► Martin Frk

Sports in brief



MacKinnon gets AUS honour

AUS HOCKEY. Saint Mary's Huskies hockey forward Chris MacKinnon has been named Atlantic University Sport male athlete of the week. The first-year student from Richmond Hill, Ont., produced six

points in two games and moved atop the AUS rookie scoring race with 19 points in 15 games.

Mill Rats tickets selling fast

PBL. The Saint John Mill Rats of the Premier Basketball league had sold 1,821 season tickets as of Sunday night. The Mill Rats, who relocated from Manchester, N.H., in the off-season, will be one of the Halifax Rainmen's chief rivals this season. The Rainmen averaged 1,811 in their first season in 2007-08. ● METRO

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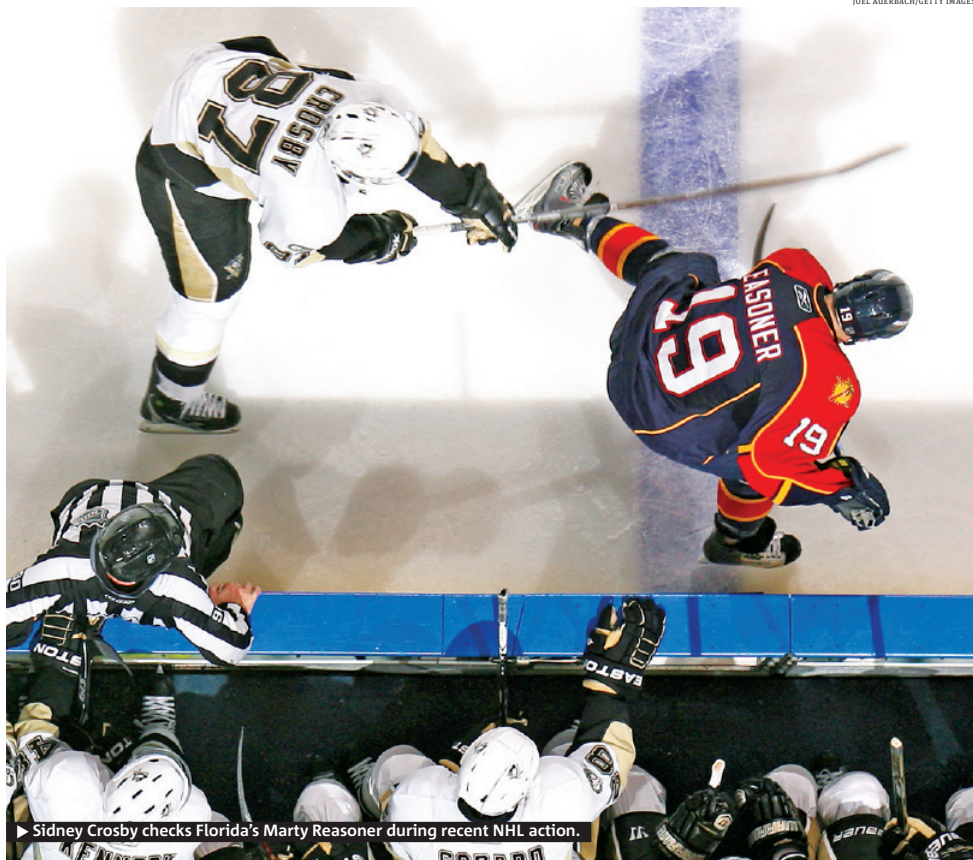


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► Crosby may be the best hockey player in the world right now
 ► Tonight the Maple Leafs have to figure out how to deal with him

He has 24 goals and 24 assists in 29 games. He is on a 16-game points streak. And he has led his team to a 10-game winning streak. He has done so with Pittsburgh's second- and third-best forwards — Jordan Staal and Evgeni Malkin — missing due to injury.

He is Sidney Crosby, and he will cause a headache for the Maple Leafs tonight.

"He's getting points like it's nothing," said Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn, who is sure to get his share of ice time against No. 87. "It's pretty unbelievable what he's doing now. Every team goes into a game with a plan on how to stop Crosby. He plays against the top players, the top lines, the top defencemen every night and he still finds a way to do it. He just keeps continuing to produce."

As far as the Leafs are concerned, Crosby is the best hockey player in the world right now. He's able to make amazing plays look routine.

Take his set-up to Chris Kunitz Monday night against the New Jersey Devils. He took a long feed from Kris Letang at full speed at the Devils blue-line. The puck was behind him, he tapped it up from his skate to his stick — again, at full speed — and directed the puck cross-ice

132

Crosby is on target for about 66 goals and 132 points. Some believe if he keeps closer to the rate of his current points streak — 18 goals and 15 assists in 16 games — he could reach 80 goals and 160 points this season.

to Kunitz.

"You work on those skills a lot and you never know when you're going to use them, but when they work, it's nice," Crosby said. "Sometimes that practice pays off."

Crosby often leaves his own coach nearly speechless.

"It's pretty amazing when you've got guys on our bench who look at each other and shake their heads and say: 'Did you see that?'" said Penguins coach Dan Bylsma. "It was an amazing full-speed play that he made look easy, and if you ever put on skates, you know it's not."

"He's making a lot of special plays it seems every night," Bylsma added.

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Sports in brief

Goalie guilty of kidnapping

SOCCER. The captain of the Flamengo team that won the Brazilian championship in 2009 has been found guilty of kidnapping his former lover and trying to force her to abort the child she claimed he had fathered, officials said yesterday.

Bruno Fernandes — known in the soccer

world just as Bruno — still faces separate charges of killing the woman, Eliza Samudio.

Tracy released from hospital

MLB. The Colorado Rockies said manager Jim Tracy was released from hospital after mild arrhythmia caused him to collapse at the baseball winter meetings.

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► Andrei Kostitsyn of the Canadiens is stopped by Senators goaltender and former Halifax Moosehead Pascal Leclaire.

Canadiens come alive in third to smoke Senators

► Montreal scores three goals in final frame to extend its winning streak ► Alfredsson continues to struggle



Jeff Halpern, Brian Gionta and Roman Hamrlik scored in the third period as the Montreal Canadiens stretched their winning streak to three games with a 4-1 victory over the punchless Ottawa Senators last night.

Michael Cammalleri also scored for Montreal (18-8-2), which has won three of four meetings with the Senators this season. The Canadiens have at least one

point in five straight games and have allowed only one goal in each of their last three.

Nick Foligno scored his second of the season for Ottawa (12-15-2), which is 3-8-1 in its last 12, although the Senators had three points from their two previous games.

Centre Scott Gomez left early in the second frame with what the Canadiens called a lower body injury and did not return.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson failed to pick up a point in an eighth consecutive game, eclipsing his previous longest drought set in his rookie season. Sergei Gonchar has also gone eight without a point, while Mike Fisher, Alex Kovalev and Milan Michalek saw their slumps extend to five games.

Montreal outshot Ottawa 35-28.

Healthy scratch

Defenceman P.K. Subban was a healthy scratch for a third game for Montreal and forward Dustin Boyd also didn't dress.

The Canadiens owned the first period, with a 13-6 shot advantage, but it took until their first power play to beat Pascal Leclaire as Cammalleri had two tries from the side of the crease before banking his ninth of the season in off the far post at 9:09.

Josh Gorges was sent off for interference with 30 seconds left in the period and 21 seconds later, Foligno's shot went off defenceman Jaroslav Spacek's stick and fooled Carey Price to tie the game. Jason Spezza assisted on the goal to end his seven-game run without a point. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A minivan that's not just for soccer moms

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With the sound of tires squealing and the aroma of freshly cooked rubber and brake linings hanging in the air, I quickly realize that no minivan will ever be driven this way. Ever.

Where is Honda's logic in setting up an impromptu parking-lot race track to drive the wheels off ... a minivan?

The point, though, is that a minivan can actually drive like a European touring sedan and not just in a straight line on grid-

ded city streets. It's a good distinction from stereotypical minivans, especially when stereotypical minivans aren't really selling.

Minivan sales in North America peaked a few years ago before taking a dive. They have remained fairly stagnant of late, causing some automakers, notably General Motors and Ford, to abandon the category. Of those remaining, however, Toyota and Nissan appear to be taking radical styling departures in what has traditionally been a category of bread-and-butter toaster-shaped vehicles. So is Honda.

The Odyssey is differentiated by an unusual hitch in the bodywork behind the sliding side doors. Honda calls it a "lightning bolt" effect that's supposed to increase third-row passenger visibility.

That might be true, but from certain angles it's as if the rear third of the Odyssey's body is misaligned with the front two-thirds.

Fortunately the sharp-looking grille, the neatly tapered rear roof pillar and the more pronounced front fenders help make the Odyssey's wider (by 3.5 centimetres) stance look plant-

ed and even aggressive.

The distance between the front and rear wheels remains unaltered from the 2010 model, but overall length has been modestly increased and the ride height is a bit lower.

The Odyssey drives flatter and truer than the outgoing version with much reduced body roll in the turns.

No matter the Odyssey you pick, this minivan is bound to deliver the goods as well as a nearly unbeatable minivan driving experience that's definitely better than par for the (race) course.

The Odyssey

What you should know about the 2011 Odyssey



- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive minivan
- **Engines (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (248)
- **Transmissions:** Five-speed automatic; six-speed automatic (optional)
- **Market Position:** Thought to be dying, the once moribund minivan segment is suddenly heating up.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.
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If any car had the potential to change the public's perception of the Hyundai brand in the modern era, it was the last-generation Sonata.

Available from 2006 to 2010, the Korean automaker's bread-and-butter family sedan was packed with the engineering, quality and styling needed to give the big boys from Japan a run for their money.

In the used marketplace, Sonata's Korean roots and relatively short history as a family sedan contender mean that resale values will be relatively low compared to those of Japanese competitors.

If you're looking for a good deal on a used family car, the last-generation Sonata may be a great place to start — especially considering that it seems

to have fared well where reliability is concerned.

Standard was a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine with 162 horsepower and five-speed manual transmission. A manual-mode automatic was available, as was a V6 engine.

History/Description

Shoppers in the used market will find entry-level Sonata models labeled with a GL badge, while GL V6, GLS and GLS V6 models filled out the model range. Sonata Sport and limited models were available in later years as well.

Available features included a power glass sunroof, 17-inch wheels, stability control, automatic climate control, an Infinity CD-changer audio system, remote access and power leather seats.

What Owners Like

Owners commonly praise the vehicle's styling, roominess, massive trunk, comfort levels and overall refinement. The V6 engine is a favourite with per-



► Hyundai Sonata

formance buffs, who say they enjoy the available power and acceleration. Long-haul comfort is rated highly too, as is fuel mileage with the four-cylinder engine.

What Owners Hate

Complaints include interior squeaks and rattles,

some low-budget interior trim pieces, the lack of lighting on certain controls at night, and premature brake wear — though the latter is largely subject to the individual driving style and locale at play.

Common Issues

Noteworthy is mixed senti-

ment between two comfort-related aspects of the Sonata: the seats and the ride quality. Some owners rave about comfort levels related to both, while others complain of stiff, uncomfortable seats and a noisy and harsh ride. Take a lengthy test drive to ensure you feel comfortable

in the used Sonata you're considering.

The Verdict

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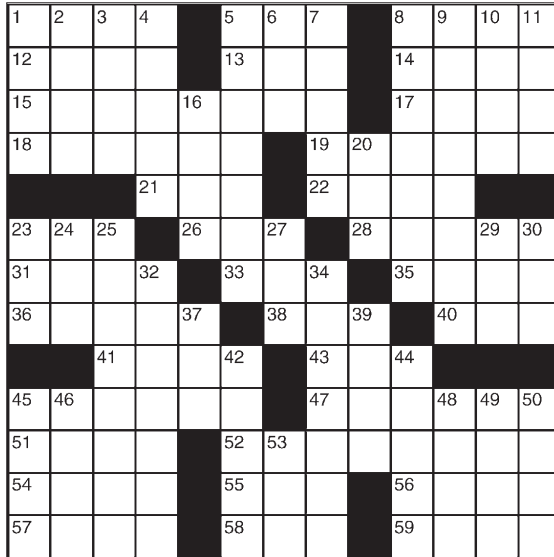
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43 Year-end abbr.
45 Mediterranean eels
47 Gets more out of
51 "American —"
52 St. Patrick's Day emblem
54 Reference bk.
55 "— Wiedersehen"
56 Inter
57 Black
58 Still
59 Turn on a pivot

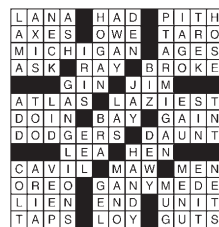
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1 Perry Mason par-trayer

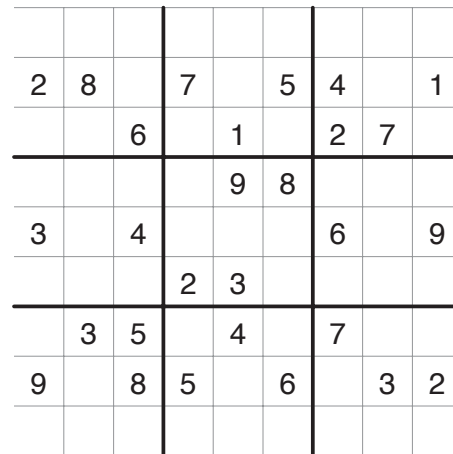


2 Lotion additive
3 About 2.54 centimeters
4 Erie and others, e.g.
5 Extol
6 Always, in verse
7 Central portion
8 Ersatz pill
9 "Saturday Evening Post" artist
10 Shrek, for one
11 Stocking stuffers?
16 Phony
20 Discoverer's cry
23 \$ dispenser
24 Miss Piggy's pronoun
25 Sex Pistols' genre
27 Excessively
29 Shriek bark
30 "Mayday!"
32 Monarchs
34 Factor in Marilyn's "Seven Year Itch" pose
37 Crafty
39 Abound
42 English composition
44 Restrains
45 Skirt length
46 Valhalla VIP
48 Satan's purchase
49 Beige
50 Terrier type
53 Colouration

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Yesterday's answer

8	7	3	2	9	1	6	5	4
9	5	1	6	3	4	7	8	2
6	2	4	8	7	5	1	3	9
2	6	9	7	5	3	4	1	8
1	4	7	9	8	2	3	6	5
3	8	5	1	4	6	2	9	7
5	9	6	4	1	7	8	2	3
7	1	8	3	2	9	5	4	6
4	3	2	5	6	8	9	7	1

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

David, I love your long beautiful hair. I love the way it glistens in the sun and falls so softly on your face. You will always be my little Avatar..hopefully one day we can put our tails together.. for eternity! — Love Always,
YOUR WORK WIFE.

Tom, thank you for every little thing you do that means everything to me. I love you with all my heart.
RUTH

Happy two year anniversary lto. I will love you until a cow jumps over the moon. From your **TUNA :)** XO.

Dalia, I'm sorry about everything that has happened in the past, but I hope someday we can work past this. I love you always...
ALEISHA

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

There is no point trying to force other people to think or feel the way you do. That will only encourage them to dig in their heels and stick with what they already believe.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Venus, your ruler, is currently moving through your opposite sign of Scorpio — and today is linked to Pluto, planet of passion. Therefore someone is sure to stir your emotions — but don't let them stir up a storm.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Focus on the realities of your situation today. Wishful thinking may be fun but it does not pay the bills and it does not take you any closer to your goals. Have confidence in your abilities.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

It seems you can do no wrong at the moment. It seems that everything you touch works out better than anyone expected. Keep the momentum going.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you go too far or too fast today you will find it very hard to stop and that could lead to all sorts of complications — and accidents. By all means have fun, by all means seek adventure, but be aware of the consequences too.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

Someone you meet while traveling or socializing will be a lot of fun, and there is at least an even chance that your friendship could develop in a romantic direction.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Your taste for luxuries could get you into trouble, especially if you have other financial obligations that should come first. The bills will have to be paid some time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Make a point of talking nicely with someone you have clashed with in the past. You have much in common.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You always go out of your way to help family and friends but today you will go even further and help someone you have no personal commitment to, simply because they need help and you are in a position to give it. You're such a nice guy.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Pluto in your sign makes a positive link to values planet Venus today, which will encourage you to pursue goals that are beneficial not just for you personally but for other people as well.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

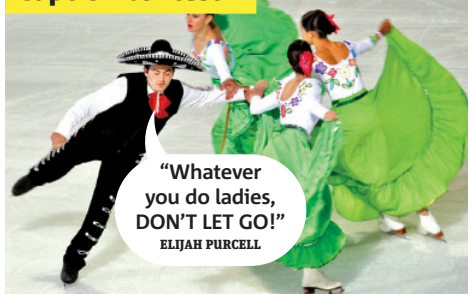
Try not to be suspicious if someone in a position of authority suddenly starts treating you like their number one buddy.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

This will be a productive day, but if you really want to accomplish something spectacular you must make a point of working with other people. Don't try to do it all on your own.

● SALLY BROMPTON

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